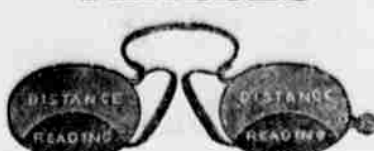


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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts today introduced the following resolution in the Senate:

"Whereas, The American people and the several States in the Union have in times past, at important periods in their history, especially when declaring their independence, establishing their Constitution or undertaking new and great responsibilities, seen fit to declare the purposes for which the nation or State was founded, and the important objects the people intend to pursue in their political action, and

"Whereas, The close of a great war, the liberation by the United States of the people of Cuba and Porto Rico in the Western Hemisphere and of the Philippine Islands in the far East, and the reduction of those peoples to a condition of practical dependence upon the United States, constitute an occasion which makes such a declaration proper; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this republic adheres to the doctrines which were in the past set forth in the Declaration of Independence, and in its national and State Constitutions:

"That the purpose of its existence and the objects to which its political action ought to be directed are the ennobling of humanity, the raising from the dust of its humblest and coarsest members, and the enabling of persons coming lawfully under its power or influence to live in freedom and in honor, under government whose forms they are to have a share in

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determining and in whose administration they have an equal share. "Its most important and pressing obligations are:

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"2. To enable great cities to govern themselves in honor and purity.

"3. To make the ballot box as pure as a sacramental vessel and the election return as perfectly in accord with the law and truth as the judgment of the Supreme Court.

"4. To banish illiteracy and ignorance from the land.

"5. To secure for every workman and for every workwoman wages enough to support a life of comfort and an old age of leisure and quiet, as befits those who have an equal share in a self-governing State.

"6. To grow and expand, over the continent and over the islands of the sea, just so fast and no faster, as we can bring into equality and self-government, under our constitution, peoples and races who will share these ideals and help to make them realities.

"7. To set a peaceful example of freedom which mankind will be glad to follow, but never to force even freedom upon unwilling nations at the point of the bayonet, or at the cannon's mouth.

"8. To abstain from interfering with the freedom and just rights of the other nations or people, and to remember that the liberty to do

right necessarily involves the liberty to do wrong, and that the American people has no right to take from any other people the birthright of freedom because of a fear that they will do wrong with it."

Andrain Courts.
Circuit Court—3d Monday in January, 1st Monday in June, 3d Monday in September.

COUNTY COURT—1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in August, 1st Monday in November.

PROBATE COURT—2d Monday in January, 2d Monday in March, 2d Monday in May, 2d Monday in September.

The Great Presidential Campaign of 1900.
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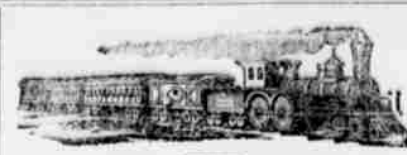
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Killing the Wild Onion.

The wild onion has become such a troublesome weed here that, on some farms, it has become almost impossible to make good butter of the milk.

One way for the killing, says an Ontario dairyman, N. Y., contributor to the Farm Journal, is to plow and harrow in the fall, and then to use the following method: Take a very effective way to exterminate them by an old English gardener, the way they do it in England. He said, put on gas lime, and that will kill them outright. Having a piece badly infested with them, I had, about Sept. 15, one load of gas lime put on as an experiment. To my surprise, it killed them entirely. That was about eight or nine years ago; it also made the grass grow much better and for years I could see just how far the gas lime extended. I believe about the middle of September is the proper time to use it, as the heat of the summer is about over, and the wild onions are in a weak state about that time. Another experiment with gas lime was on my garden, but here it appeared to do an injury, and I do not want any more on the garden. Gas lime can be had for nothing, except the cartage; gas makers are glad to get it drawn away. In using the lime, that which has been exposed to the weather long enough to expel the smell of gas, and is bleached white, is best; new lime may kill the grass.

Pumpkins for Swine.

You need not have any fear in regard to the feeding of pumpkins, either to your shoats or to your old hogs if they are fed judiciously, says a writer in an exchange. I have fed them each season for the last thirty years with the best results, but of late years I have been feeding squash instead. We feed them after this manner: If we are feeding fifty hogs, we throw them twenty-five pumpkins or squashes on their feeding floor. These are broken into three or four parts with a spade and are given them twice a day. They are also fed corn. We find that the pumpkins keep our hogs in a healthy and thrifty condition, and that we make more live weight gain out of our corn. But they must be fed judiciously.

It is surprising that pumpkins are not more grown for feeding swine. Some have a prejudice against them, saying that they promote an excess of urine; but this is not the case when swine are of a good breed, and the whole of the pumpkin is fed together. If the seeds are cut out and given alone to them they might prove injurious. Being sent of grain one autumn, but having an abundance of pumpkins, I fed a considerable number of breeding Berkshire during the whole months of October and November into December entirely on pumpkins, and they kept in as good condition as I ever want to see a lot of breeders.

One of the most remarkable features of Japanese gardening is the way in which every plant and tree in a famous garden will be reproduced in miniature by a system of dwarfing which has been handed down from many generations back. Every characteristic of a tree or plant is preserved, the foliage, the color and the texture of the branches, and yet the miniature copy will often be not more than from one to three feet high. Prof. C. E. Bessey tells of a case in this country in which nature has eclipsed the art of the Japanese. While climbing Green Mountain, near Boulder, Col., Prof. Bessey found growing from a crevice in one of the rocks at the summit a small pine tree about five inches and a quarter high and barely a quarter of an inch in diameter. It was unbranched and bore a single terminal tuft of leaves. The tiny tree had made a good fight for existence amid the inclemencies of its exposed situation, for when it was carefully examined twenty-five distinct annual rings were discovered. Such a case of natural dwarfing is almost unprecedented.

The Lean Cow.—Another cow may be putting nearly all her feed and part of herself into the milk pail. It is often said that a cow will first take care of herself before she will make milk out of her feed. She does not always do it. There are cows that seem intent on making milk and nothing else. They utterly neglect to feed their systems, and such cows will become thinner and thinner. If we are watching the individual and observe a cow like that, we will increase the ration and keep on increasing it as long as we can get returns. It is a little trouble—but not so much after all—to vary the rations to suit different cows. The cow that is taking on flesh should have very little, if any, fat forming food. Eliminate the corn meal, or other similar ingredient from her ration. Feed her wholly or mainly on nitrogenous foods. For the thin cow increase the fat-forming elements.

—Ex.

Protection for Carrier Pigeons.—An odd contrivance is used in China to protect the carrier pigeons from the attacks of birds of prey. Tiny bamboo tubes are fastened under their wings, and as they fly the air, passing swiftly through the tubes, makes a shrill whistle, which serves to frighten off the other birds.

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The Sponge Animal.

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The Russian Calendar.

The Russian government has, after years of discussion, resolved to give up the old style, or Julian, calendar, which is twelve days behind the Gregorian system. The old style was a source of great annoyance to Russian merchants doing business with other countries, who were forced to use both dates. It was also annoying to foreigners trading with Russia. The St. Petersburg Astronomical society has taken the matter in hand and the necessary details will be arranged. It is expected the new calendar will come into effect in 1901.

Yale's Vested Chink.

Yale's administrative officials have announced that a vested chink had been decided upon for the college chapel. The chink is composed of between thirty and forty undergraduates, who have been in the habit of wearing anything they liked from duck trousers to dress suits, and the combination gave to the chink a motley appearance. It is understood that the customary processional and recessional will be introduced as a feature of the service.

A New Insect Pest.

The department of agriculture reports the discovery that a dangerous European scale insect, not hitherto reported on this side of the Atlantic, has recently established itself among fruit-trees in New York and Ohio, and perhaps in other parts of the country. Its botanical name is Aspidiotus perniciosus, and it is well known in Europe. It attacks apples, pears, plums, cherries and other fruits. How it got across the ocean is not yet known.

Thrifty Jack Tars.

Money continues to accumulate in the naval savings banks, and in March last year as much as \$262,772 was credited to our sailors, of which \$115,553 was deposited in ship banks and \$147,219 in dockyard banks. This record is a great improvement on the old state of things, when a sailor took the whole of his hard-earned wages and got rid of them in a two or three days' carouse.—Western Morning News.

Delicious Eskimox Dish.

A favorite dish with the Eskimo is an ice-cream made of seal oil, into which snow is stirred until the desired consistency has been obtained; then frozen berries of different kinds are added, with a little of the fish eggs for flavoring.

Loss by War.

A German army officer estimates that in the century just closing no less than 30,000,000 men have been killed in war in civilized countries.

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